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Deadline to Apply for Michigan Home Heating Credit Approaching

August 14, 2015 – The Michigan Agency for Energy (MAE) today noted that the September 30 deadline to apply for Michigan’s Home Heating Credit (HHC) in 2015 (for tax year 2014) is quickly approaching. The credit assists low-income people and qualifying senior citizens with winter energy bills. Customers do not need to file a Michigan tax return to apply for the Home Heating Credit.

The average credit paid out in 2014 was \$130.

“Paying winter heating bills can be challenging for low-income utility customers,” noted Valerie Brader, MAE executive director. “The Home Heating Credit is available to assist them. The Michigan Agency for Energy encourages low-income customers to apply for this important credit before the deadline – September 30.”

The Home Heating Credit is funded by the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant. Home Heating Credits are processed by the Michigan Department of Treasury. The form (MI-1040CR-7) may be obtained from the Department of Treasury’s website – michigan.gov/taxes – or by calling 517-636-4486.

Eligible customers must have their homestead in Michigan, must own or rent the home in which they live, and for the standard allowance, their income must fall within certain limits, as the following chart indicates:

| Number of Exemptions* | Maximum Income |
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| 0 or 1 | \$12,842 |
| 2 | \$17,329 |
| 3 | \$21,786 |
| 4 | \$26,243 |
| 5 | \$30,728 |
| 6 | \$35,186 |
| *Note: Add \$4,457 for each additional exemption. Special exemptions are available for the deaf, blind, or those with a disability. | |

“Low-income customers may also be eligible for other assistance programs administered by utilities and consumer agency programs, and should contact their utility company or call 2-1-1 for more information,” Brader added. “The [consumer tips sheet](#) on the Home Heating Credit also has additional helpful information.”

Customers who need assistance filing for the HHC should call 2-1-1.

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